

**Remarks**

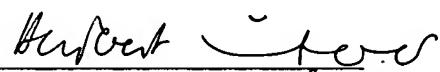
Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 10 to 41 will be pending, with claims 10, 35 and 40 being in independent form. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the present specification.

It is pointed out that the cancellation of claims 1 to 9 is without prejudice or disclaimer to the prosecution of these claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or refund excess payments to our Deposit Account No.19-0089.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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